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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 11 EA PRESS SUMMARY

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1. GVN SUSPENDS POLITICAL TALKS WITH VC IN FRANCE BECAUSE OF VC WALKOUT LAST WEEK; WILL NOT ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S SESSION EITHER UNLESS VC "PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY." TALKS HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS "WHATSOEVER" (REUTER). FIGHTING UP AGAIN IN WAKE OF TYPHOON OPAL; 90 COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS IN LAST 24 HOURS (COMPARED TO 66 FOR PREVIOUS 24). NO FURTHER WORD ON CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN HUE THAT HAS KILLED 8, HOSPITALIZED 80 (REUTER). VC DENY CAPTURING AMCIT HOMER ELM, AS SEARCH CONTINUES (AP).

2. IN TAM SUBMITS RESIGNATION AS GKR PRIME MINISTER, SAYS WILL STEP DOWN WITHIN 12 DAYS AND WILL RESIGN FROM HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL (CHITRIB; REUTER, SUN). WILLIAMS (REUTER) QUOTES IN TAM THAT AS PM HE DID NOT APPOINT ALL MINISTERS AND SO COULD NOT WORK WITH THE CABINET, AND THAT HE WAS RESIGNING NOW TO AVOID A GOVT. CRISIS WHEN PARLIAMENT RESUMES ON OCT. 23 WITH THE EXPIRATION OF THE 6-MONTH GRANT OF FULL POWER GIVEN TO HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY IN TAM HAD SUBMITTED RESIGNATION SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST 3 MONTHS BUT WAS PERSUADED TO STAY ON BY US OFFICIALS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL (REUTER, NYT; UPI; WP).

3. AFP REPORTS FROM PEKING THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR INFORMED SIHANOUK THAT USSR NOW REGARDS HIS GOVT. AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA, AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH AND GIVE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO IT (NYT). WP (AFP) ADDS THAT SIHANOUK, WHO OFTEN TOOK A HARSH ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDE IN PUBLIC BECAUSE THE USSR KEPT ITS EMBASSY AT PP AFTER HIS OUSTER, WAS QUOTED TO EFFECT THAT USSR MAINTAINS EMBASSY WITHOUT AMBASSADOR UNCLASSIFIED

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AT PP AND HAS ALWAYS REFRAINED FROM OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH LON NOL REGIME.

4. GKR SCRAPS UNILATERAL C-F AFTER 2 DAYS AND GOES ON OFFENSIVE AROUND PP (CHITRIB; UPI). WILLIAMS (REUTER) REPORTS FROM PP THAT FANK HAS RE-ESTABLISHED CAPITAL DEFENSE PERIMETER, AND GKR TROOPS FOUGHT WAY INTO BESIEGED VIHEAR SUOR, 15 MI. NE OF PP; DEFENSE PERIMETERS AROUND PROVINCE CAPITALS OF KOMPONG THOM AND SIEM REAP ALSO EXPANDED AGAINST KI OPPOSITION.

5. KI HIT FANK NORTH AND SOUTH OF PP, WITH HEAVIEST FIGHTING AT SALA LEK PRAM, 27 MI. NORTH OF PP (CHITRIB;

UPI). GKR SAYS FANK RECAPTURES 1 OF 3 HILLS ON ROUTE 4 TO KOMPONG SOM (AP).

CHINA

6. REUTER'S PEARCE, IN PEKING, NOTES THAT SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS ENTER FIFTH YEAR WITH NEGOTIATIONS PROVING UNPRODUCTIVE, MILLION SOVIET AND UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CHINESE TROOPS STILL POISED ON FRONTIER, AND WITH IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE AT ITS BITTEREST SINCE TALKS BEGAN.

7. TRUDEAU AND CHOU BEGIN TALKS. ASKED WHEN HE WOULD VISIT CANADA, CHOU REPLIED, "I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO ANSWER," THEN ADDED: "I AM TOO OLD, MY HEALTH WOULD NOT ALLOW IT" (CANADIAN PRESS, NYT). WP PEKING DISPATCH CITES DIPLOMATS THERE SAYING TRUDEAU'S VISIT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT PREDICTING DISAGREEMENTS OVER CURRENT MIDEAST SITUATION. GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, SEES "DEFINITE LIMITS" ON WHAT TRUDEAU CAN ACCOMPLISH IN INCREASING TRADE WITH PRC; CONTENDS THAT, IN ANY EVENT, SECURITY, NOT TRADE, WILL BE DOMINANT ISSUE OF DISCUSSIONS. EXPECTS CHINESE WILL SUBJECT TRUDEAU TO "THE MOST INSISTENT REPRESENTATIONS" ON NATO DETENTE WITH MOSCOW THAT COULD LEAVE SOVIET FREE TO CONCENTRATE ON BORDER DISPUTE WITH PEKING (CSM).

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8. BURNS REPORTS THAT CANADIAN PACIFIC SHOULD REACH AGREEMENT WITH PRC IN ABOUT ONE WEEK, PUTTING AIRLINE IN POSITION TO BEGIN WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO CHINA EARLY NEXT YEAR. SAYS WHETHER CPAL CAN MAKE CHINA SERVICE PROFITABLE IS OPEN TO DOUBT IN AVIATION CIRCLES. IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN OVER REFUELING STOP, GOJ IS HOLDING OUT FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS FOR JAL ON ITS SERVICE TO CANADA (CSM).

9. CHROMALLOY AMERICAN CORP. SAYS IT HAS RECEIVED PRC BID TO PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF BALLPOINT PEN PLANT IN CHINA. CHROMALLOY SAYS ITS SWISS SUBSIDIARY, ALBA, WILL HANDLE PROJECT, WHICH WOULD HAVE INITIAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 300 MILLION PENS YEARLY (REUTER, NYT).

JAPAN

10. IN TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE, TANAKA EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE JOINT SOVIET-JAPANESE PROJECT FOR DEVELOPING SIBERIAN NATURAL RESOURCES WILL PROGRESS. ADDS THAT SOLUTION TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE WILL

DEPEND ON DEGREE OF SOVIET-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP,
WITH FINAL SOLUTION AT FUTURE SUMMIT CONFERENCE
(REUTER). EARLIER REPORTS STRESS TANAKA'S FAILURE
TO GET SOVIET PEACE TREATY OR RETURN OF NORTHERN
ISLANDS (UPI PHINQ, NYDN; CSM).

11. WP'S KAISER, IN MOSCOW, SAYS TANAKA LEFT WITH
ONE "SMALL SOVIET CONCESSION" ON DISPUTED TERRITORIES:
DEPARTING FROM PREVIOUS SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT ISSUE
IS NON-NEGOTIABLE, "IN AN ARTFULLY WORDED SENTENCE
IN THE COMMUNIQUE. . .SOVIETS APPARENTLY AGREED
THAT THE ISLANDS COULD BE A SUBJECT OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS."
BUT APART FROM THIS, TANAKA'S VISIT "APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE."

12. FROM MOSCOW, PARKS (SUN) CONCLUDES THAT TANAKA-
BREZHNEV TALKS NOT ONLY FAILED RESOLVE MAJOR POLITICAL
PROBLEM BETWEEN THEM (ISLANDS ISSUE), "BUT APPARENTLY
TIED IT TIGHTLY TO EXPANDED ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.
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UNLESS EITHER MOSCOW OR TOKYO BACKS DOWN, THIS IMPASSE
COULD TURN INTO A MAJOR SETBACK" FOR BREZHNEV'S
POLICY OF SEEKING POLITICAL DETENTE AND ECONOMIC
COOPERATION WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. "IT COULD
ALSO HAVE SERIOUS RAMIFICATIONS FOR JAPAN'S DOMESTIC
POLICIES," WHERE TANAKA "IS FIGHTING TO REGAIN
HIS INITIAL POPULARITY AND MOMENTUM."

13. NYT'S HEDRICK SMITH SAYS NEITHER TANAKA'S
MOSCOW NEWS CONFERENCE NOR FINAL COMMUNIQUE MAKES
CLEAR WHETHER DEADLOCK ON ISLANDS ISSUE WILL DIMINISH
JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND LARGE CREDITS FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES. OBSERVES THAT
DESPITE "PUBLIC PLEASANTRIES" IN MOSCOW, JAPANESE
SEVERAL TIMES WERE LEFT UNTIL LAST FEW MINUTES
TO LEARN WHETHER BREZHNEV WOULD PARTICIPATE IN
NEGOTIATIONS; WEDNESDAY MORNING'S TALKS BEGAN 2
HOURS LATE; AND TUESDAY BREZHNEV ABSENTED HIMSELF
FROM TANAKA'S LUNCHEON, WITH APOLOGIES.

14. JOC REPORTS JAPAN MAY IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS
ON IMPORTATION AND RESORT TO RATIONING OF CRUDE
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